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13 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
14 **FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**  
15 **OAKLAND DIVISION**

16 STATE OF CALIFORNIA, *et al.*,  
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18 Plaintiffs,  
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20 v.  
21 DONALD J. TRUMP, *et al.*,  
22 Defendants.

No. 4:19-cv-00872-HSG  
No. 4:19-cv-00892-HSG

**NOTICE OF DECISION BY THE  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TO  
AUTHORIZE ADDITIONAL  
BORDER BARRIER PROJECTS  
PURSUANT TO 10 U.S.C. § 284**

23 SIERRA CLUB, *et al.*,  
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25 Plaintiffs,  
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27 v.  
28 DONALD J. TRUMP, *et al.*,  
Defendants.

1 Defendants hereby notify the Court and parties in the above-captioned cases that the  
2 Secretary of Defense has authorized three additional border barrier projects in Arizona and  
3 California pursuant to 10 U.S.C. § 284.

4 In the course of executing the contracts for the previously-approved Section 284 projects  
5 that have been the subject of litigation in this case, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)  
6 determined that that lower-than-expected contract costs may yield sufficient savings to build up  
7 to an additional 20 miles of border barrier. *See* Fourth Declaration of Kenneth Rapuano ¶ 4  
8 (Exhibit 1). Specifically, USACE anticipates that the final total contract price for the projects  
9 will be less than USACE’s rough-order-of-magnitude budget estimates. *Id.* USACE will not  
10 know the precise amount available until later in the fiscal year when USACE finalizes all  
11 contract pricing. *Id.*

12 The surplus funds were previously transferred into the “Drug Interdiction and Counter-  
13 Drug Activities, Defense” appropriations account pursuant to Sections 8005 and 9002 of the  
14 Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2019, Pub. L. No. 115-245, div. A, tit. VIII, 132  
15 Stat. 2981 (2018), which resulted in the prior § 284 litigation in this case that led to the Supreme  
16 Court’s stay of this Court’s injunction. *See Trump v. Sierra Club*, 2019 WL 3369425 (S. Ct. July  
17 26, 2019).

18 As a result of this anticipated surplus of funds, on August 16, 2019, the Department of  
19 Homeland Security (DHS) sent the Department of Defense (DoD) an amendment to DHS’s  
20 February 25, 2019, request for assistance under Section 284. *See* Fourth Rapuano Decl. ¶ 5 &  
21 Exhibit A. The amendment added mileage as well as new projects to the list of DHS-requested  
22 border-barrier-construction projects. *Id.*

23 On August 26, 2019, the Secretary of Defense authorized USACE to undertake three  
24 additional border barrier projects using excess funds obtained from contract savings on  
25 previously approved Section 284 projects, as those funds allow: Yuma Sector Projects 4 and 5,  
26 and Tucson Sector Project 4. *Id.* ¶ 6 & Exhibit A. Yuma Sector Project 4 and Tucson Sector  
27 Project 4 are located in Arizona. *Id.*, Exhibit A. Yuma Sector Project 5 consists of three  
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1 separate segments, one located in Arizona (1.6 miles) and two in California (0.4 and 0.5 miles,  
2 respectively). *Id.*, Exhibit A.

3 USACE anticipates that it will award contracts and fully obligate the necessary funds for  
4 these three projects no later than September 30, 2019, but no earlier than September 15, 2019.  
5 *See* Declaration of Jill Stiglich ¶ 4 (Exhibit 2). USACE does not expect to begin construction, or  
6 to engage in any ground disturbing activities, on the projects before October 1, 2019. *Id.*

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